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SUBJECT: UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE SEES INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES
AS "MYOPIC"

1. LIC. RUBEN GONZALEZ SOSA, ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, IN AN INTERVIEW RELATING TO FORTHCOMING CLUB OF ROME MEETING ON JULY 19, SAID: "WITH AN INCREDIBLE MYOPIA, IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OBTAIN PRIVILEGES, THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES RESIST CHANGE AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER EVEN THOUGH THIS ATTITUDE WORSENS THE PROBLEMS OF WORLD FOOD (SUPPLIES), CONTAMINATION, IRRATIONAL USE OF NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES, AND PROVOKES VIOLENCE."

2. GONZALEZ SOSA SAID THAT THE "FIRST WORLD" HAD MADE NO PROPOSAL FOR RADICAL INTERNATIONAL CHANGE. THE "SECOND WORLD" (SOCIALIST COUNTRIES) HAD ASSUMED A "POSTURE OF SUPPORT TO THE THIRD WORLD BUT NOT IN THE FORM EXPECTED, THAT IS, WITH ABSOLUTE RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES."

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3. IN A THUMBNAIL ANALYSIS OF RECENT YEARS, GONZALEZ

SAID: "DURING THE COLD WAR THE GREAT POWERS IMPOSED AND DEFENDED THEIR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD..."
"THERE WAS A MOVE TOWARD PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN WHICH THE SPHERES OF INFLUENCE OF THE POWERFUL COUNTRIES CONTINUED..."
"THE PRESENT PERIOD OF INTERNATIONAL DETENTE HAS NOT CHANGED ANYTHING: THE POWERS SEEK TO RETAIN THEIR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE."
"THESE THREE STAGES HAVE A COMMON DENOMINATOR: MAINTENANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL STATUS QUO." "WITH THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE PAST, (THE GREAT POWERS) ARE LEADING HUMANITY INTO GRAVE DISTURBANCES OF MISERY, UNEMPLOYMENT, HUNGER, AND VIOLENCE."

4. GONZALEZ SOSA ADDED: "THE FIRST GREAT EXAMPLE OF THE STRENGTH WHICH THE THIRD WORLD HAS ACQUIRED WAS MANIFESTED DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN ROME. "THE GROUP OF 77 DID NOT WISH TO ACCEPT CREATION OF AN INOPERATIVE, BUREAUCRATIC ORGANIZATION..."

5. REFERRING TO CERDS, GONZALEZ SOSA REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THE "FIRST EFFECTIVE LEGAL INSTRUMENT" FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRMER AND MORE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS HAS BEEN THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

6. COMMENT: IF REPORTED ACCURATELY, GONZALEZ' STATEMENT ON CERDS, AS IN SOME PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY MEXICANS, SEEKS TO GIVE IT A WEIGHT OF VALIDITY IN INTERNATIONAL LAW WHICH IT DOES NOT IN FACT POSSESS. GONZALEZ SOSA HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY OUTSPOKEN IN PUBLIC IN RECENT WEEKS ON THIRD WORLD MATTERS, MORE SO IN ACT THAN HAS SECRETARY RABASA. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT GONZALEZ SOSA LED THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING IN ROME AND THAT, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SOURCES, HE WILL PROBABLY LEAD THE MEXICAN DELEGATION TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA.
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